

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated October 23, 2004. In order to advance prosecution of this Application, Claims 9, 11, and 15 have been amended. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this Application.

Claims 9, 11, and 15 stand objected for various informalities. With respect to Claim 9, the specific phrases identified by the Examiner have been amended to show that the various bit vectors are determined from certain bits. An example is shown at page 19, lines 11-22, of Applicant's specification. Thus, Claim 9 provides consistency in agreement with Applicant's specification. With respect to Claim 11, the step (b) portion refers to the previous reading steps in order that the processing nodes that read the first memory location are informed that what was read is no longer valid as a result of the writing step. Thus, no change is needed to Claim 11 on this point. The remaining informalities have been addressed as identified by the Examiner.

Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of Claims 1-20.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has now made an earnest attempt to place the Application in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and full allowance of all pending claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any amount required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,

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